

RI State Publication Clearinghouse Advisory Committee Meeting
RI State Dept. of Administration.
2:00 pm Conference Room C
April 13, 2015

Present: Deborah Mongeau, Chair (URI); Tom Evans (State Librarian); Greg Facincani, (Clearinghouse Director); Chaichin Chen (OLIS); Rachel Carpenter (RIC) and (CRIARL); Jennifer Eibel (Warwick Public Library).

Absent: Colleen Hanna (RI State Law Library); Tracey Potter (Providence Public Library); Lisa Zawadzki (Cranston Public Library).

Guests: Daniel O'Mahony, Brown University.

- I. **Call to Order & Welcome:** Debbie Mongeau called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** No minutes from the January 5, 2015 meeting. D. Mongeau will speak to Lisa Zawadzki about sending them out.
- III. **Announcements:**

Brown University – Daniel O'Mahony

- John Hay Special Collections looking for head of Special Collections.
- Shifting in Sciences Library. Clearing out five floors for non- library, though academic use.
- Continuing renovations at the Rockefeller library.

Rhode Island College (RIC) – Rachel Carpenter

- Massive weeding project Gov Docs likely to be in compact shelving.
- 2015 = 50th anniversary as depository library.
- Two positions in Reference. One has been filled with a temporary non tenure position. The second (full-time continuing) search process underway; hope to fill by end of May.

Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) – Chaichin Chen

- OLIS is now part of Department of Information Technology which is part of the new Digital Excellence Department in the Department of Administration. Thomas Guertin is the new Chief Digital Officer.
- The Delivery contract needs to be renewed, may run out of money. The cost is high, there may be delivery problems for a while

URI – Debbie Mongeau

- Search for a new Dean of Libraries, interviews are underway.
- URI is switching catalogs to Ex Libris.
- Planning for reciprocal borrowing between URI and Brown.
- Gov Docs will be on 3 levels.

State Library – Tom Evans

- Christopher Fowler named new Chief Innovations Officer for the Office of the Secretary of State.
State Publications Clearinghouse – Greg Facincani
- Greg trying to capture documents going to e- versions after going to PDF. Some appear to now be online only for example: the *Directory of Municipal Officers*, the Elderly Affairs 2014 Pocket Manual (*The Rhode Island Guide to Services for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities*) - *Landlord tenant handbook* –(2007 was the last one published and it was published online.) Though not much has changed in the *Handbook* some statutes have been updated) and the Rhode Island Owners Manual (Online and also available in print).
- Capitol television video on demand service at the General Assembly website. One can watch General Assembly hearings back to 2013.

IV. **Old Business:** There was no old business.

V. **New Business:** Debbie Mongeau brought up the committees meetings and attendance, etc. We meet 4 times per year but rarely get everyone. Should we look into changing the number of times we meet to “at least 2 times per year”

Tom raised teleconferencing possibility. The Open Meeting Law allows for conference calls, according to Tom Evans. There is teleconferencing capability in the Secretary of State's IT Division conference room at 148 West River Street. Tom Evans will check into the statutes to see about language changes to allow for meeting at least 2 times a year. We can discuss further at the next meeting. Legislation would have to be drafted for the 2016 session. The Advisory Committee should review all statutes relating to the Clearinghouse for the next meeting.

Tom Evans reappointed Jennifer Eibel and Deborah Mongeau to the Advisory Committee.

The July 13th meeting will be at 148 West River location.

VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

Respectfully submitted ;

Rachel H. Carpenter